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### *3<sup>rd</sup> Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database*

#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers

#### Provider Action Needed

Physicians, providers, and suppliers should note the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database and identify those changes that impact their practice.

#### Background

Payment files were issued to carriers based upon the November 7, 2003 and January 7, 2004 Final Rules. This instruction amends those payment files and requires that carriers give providers 30 days notice before implementing the revised payment amounts reflected in this instruction. Carriers will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, carriers will adjust claims brought to their attention.

Unless otherwise stated in this instruction, changes will be retroactive to January 1, 2004.

#### Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is October 4, 2004.

#### Additional Information

The actual changes to the fee schedule involve numerous CPT/HCPCS codes and the actual effective dates vary. These are all included in the table below. You may view the official instruction issued to your carrier by going to:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm\\_date\\_dsc.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp)

From that Web page, look for CR3415 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

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<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>.

Changes to 3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

CPT/HCPCS	ACTION
G0336	<p>Description: PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia                      Short Descriptor: PET imaging brain Alzheimer's                      Procedure Status = C                      PC/TC = 1                      Site of Service = 1                      Global Surgery = XXX                      Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0                      Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0                      Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9                      Co-Surgery Indicator = 0                      Team Surgery Indicator = 0                      Type of Service = 4                      Diagnostic Supervision = 9                      Note: Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004.</p>
G0336 - TC	<p>Description: PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia                      Short Descriptor: PET imaging brain Alzheimer's                      Procedure Status = C                      PC/TC = 1                      Site of Service = 1                      Global Surgery = XXX                      Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0                      Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0                      Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9                      Co-Surgery Indicator = 0                      Team Surgery Indicator = 0                      Type of Service = 4                      Diagnostic Supervision = 9                      Note: Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004</p>
G0336 - 26	<p>Description: PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia                      Short Descriptor: PET imaging brain Alzheimer's                      Procedure Status = A                      WRVU = 1.50                      Non-Facility PE RVU = .51                      Facility PE RVU = .51                      Malpractice RVU = .05                      PC/TC = 1                      Site of Service = 1                      Global Surgery = XXX                      Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0                      Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0</p>

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	<p>Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9                  Co-Surgery Indicator = 0                  Team Surgery Indicator = 0                  Type of Service = 4                  Diagnostic Supervision = 9                  Note: Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004</p>
G0341	<p>Description: Percutaneous islet cell transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion (To report imaging bill 75887 or 75885)                  Short Descriptor: Percutaneous islet cell trans                  Procedure Status = A                  WRVU = 6.98                  Non-Facility PE RVU = 2.73                  Facility PE RVU = 2.73                  Malpractice RVU = 0.48                  PC/TC = 0                  Site of Service = 1                  Global Surgery = 000                  Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2                  Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0                  Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9                  Co-Surgery Indicator = 1                  Team Surgery Indicator = 0                  Type of Service = 2                  Diagnostic Supervision = 9                  Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004</p>
G0342	<p>Description: Laparoscopy for Islet Cell Transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion                  Short Descriptor: Laparoscopy Islet cell Trans                  Procedure Status = A                  WRVU = 11.92                  Non-Facility PE RVU = 5.32                  Facility PE RVU = 5.32                  Malpractice RVU = 1.46                  PC/TC = 0                  Site of Service = 1                  Global Surgery = 090                  Pre Op = 0.09                  Intra Op = 0.81                  Post Op = 0.10                  Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2                  Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0                  Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 2                  Co-Surgery Indicator = 1                  Team Surgery Indicator = 0                  Type of Service = 2                  Diagnostic Supervision = 9                  Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004</p>
G0343	<p>Description: Laparotomy for Islet Cell transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion                  Short Descriptor: Laparotomy Islet cell transp                  Procedure Status = A</p>

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	WRVU = 19.85 Non-Facility PE RVU = 8.82 Facility PE RVU = 8.82 Malpractice RVU = 2.05 PC/TC = 0 Site of Service = 1 Global Surgery = 090 Pre Op = 0.09 Intra Op = 0.81 Post Op = .10 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2 Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 2 Co-Surgery Indicator = 1 Team Surgery Indicator = 0 Type of Service = 2 Diagnostic Supervision = 9 Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004
23410	Bilateral Status Indicator = 1
33979	Bilateral Status Indicator = 0
33980	Bilateral Status Indicator = 0
52320	Endobase Code = 52000
52325	Endobase Code = 52000
52327	Endobase Code = 52000
52327	Bilateral Status Indicator = 1
52330	Endobase Code = 52000
52332	Endobase Code = 52000
52334	Endobase Code = 52000
52341	Endobase Code = 52000
52342	Endobase Code = 52000
52343	Endobase Code = 52000
52344	Endobase Code = 52000
69440	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69450	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69501	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69502	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69505	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69511	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69530	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69535	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69540	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69550	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69552	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69554	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69601	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69602	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69603	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69604	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69605	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1

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69610	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69620	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69631	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69632	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69633	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69635	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69636	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69637	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69641	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
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69650	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69660	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
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69662	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69666	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69667	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69670	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69700	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69711	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69714	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69715	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69717	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69718	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69720	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69725	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69740	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69745	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69799	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69801	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69802	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69805	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69806	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69820	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69840	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69905	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69910	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69915	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69930	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69949	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69950	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69955	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69960	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69970	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69979	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1

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96400	PC/TC = 0
96408	PC/TC = 0
96425	PC/TC = 0
96520	PC/TC = 0
96530	PC/TC = 0
0001T	Co-Surgery Indicator = 2

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